The total value of shipment was Rs. 917.54 lakhs. The NCCF was not maintaining shipmentwise profit and loss account. However, the total trading loss incurred by the NCCF in this transaction is indicated to Rs. 198.17 lakhs during 1980-81 and 81-82 which was mainly due to the damage of stocks at Kandla port because of cyclone and rains.

(c) and (d). The NCCF of India Ltd. have filed a suit against the Insurance Co. for recovery of the loss sustained by it due to cyclone and rains. Since the matter is *sub-judice*, no enquiry or investigations is possible at present.

Andhra Pradesh Bill/Resolution pending for Central Government's approval for inclusion of fishermen in the list of Scheduled Tribes

2178. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed a Bill/Resolution to include the fishermen community in the list of Scheduled Tribes and recommended to the Central Government for its approval; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the Bill/Resolution and the actual date of its receipt by the Central Government and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) and (b) All proposals for amending the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes received by the Government are under consideration and any change in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of the provision made under Articles 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution. No further information can be disclosed in public interest.

Complaints of Irregularities and Malpractices against the Contractors of FCI in Andhra Pradesh

2179. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints of irregularities and malpractices received against the contractors of Food Corporation of India in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the names of the contractors and companies involved in such irregularities and malpractices and the estimated loss incurred by the Food Corporation of India; and

(c) the action taken against the erring contractors, companies and officials of FCI involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Three.

(b) The names of the contractors and the estimated loss incurred by the FCI are indicated below :

Name of Contractor	Estimated loss
(i) M/s. Balaji Transport, Kothapet, Guntur	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
(ii) Shri Raghavendra Transport. Guntur	Nil
(iii) Priyadarshini Jattu Kooli samkshama Sangham, Dowleswaram	Nil

(c) The contract of M/s. Balaji Transport, Kothapet, Guntur, has been terminated. Three employees were placed undr suspension but, subsequently, on review, their suspension was revoked. The case has been referred to the CBI for investigation. In the case of the second contractor, no transportation charges were paid for 4 trucks and Rs. 2350.45 were recovered towards interest at 18 per cent on account of delay in the transportation of paddy and Rs. 2256.75 was recovered towards unreturned gunnies. The District